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Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: International Game Technology
Matter No. 403120
Patent Application for:
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING
ACCESS TO AREAS OF GAMING MACHINES

Sir:

Transmitted for filing herewith is the above-captioned patent application, including seven sheets of formal patent drawings (figures 1 - 13B), and an executed Declaration.

Our check in the amount of \$1,158 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The filing fee was calculated as follows:

For	Number Filed		Extra	Number Rate		\$
						710.00
Total Claims	36	x	16	\$18	=	288.00
Independent Claims	5	x	2	\$80	=	160.00
Total Filing Fee						\$1,158.00

Also enclosed is a Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

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application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or under other applicable rules (except payment of issue fees), to Deposit Account No. 19-1351. This letter is enclosed in duplicate.

Sincerely yours,


J. Terry Stratman

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

First Named Inventor	Harold Mattice
Title	Method and Apparatus for Controlling Access to Areas of Gaming Machines
Atty Docket Number	403120

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not** be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Apr. 2, 2001
Date

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This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

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